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HOUSE BILL No. 1037

DIGEST OF HB 1037 (Updated January 18, 2007 9:46 am - DI 75)

Citations Affected: IC 6-2.5.

Synopsis: Home energy assistance sales tax exemption. Makes the low income home energy assistance program sales tax exemption permanent.

Effective: June 30, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Energy and Utilities.

January 18, 2007, reported — Do Pass. Recommended to Committee on Ways & Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 6-2.5-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2006,
2 SECTION 21, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.180-2006, SECTION 3,
3 IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2007]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, a
5 "power subsidiary" means a corporation which is owned or controlled
6 by one (1) or more public utilities that furnish or sell electrical energy,
7 natural or artificial gas, water, steam, or steam heat and which produces
8 power exclusively for the use of those public utilities.
9 (b) A power subsidiary or a person engaged as a public utility is a
10 retail merchant making a retail transaction when the subsidiary or
11 person furnishes or sells electrical energy, natural or artificial gas,
12 water, steam, or steam heating service to a person for commercial or
13 domestic consumption.
14 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a power subsidiary or a person
15 engaged as a public utility is not a retail merchant making a retail
16 transaction in any of the following transactions:
17 (1) The power subsidiary or person provides, installs, constructs,

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services, or removes tangible personal property which is used in connection with the furnishing of the services or commodities listed in subsection (b).

(2) The power subsidiary or person sells the services or commodities listed in subsection (b) to another public utility or power subsidiary described in this section or a person described in section 6 of this chapter.

(3) The power subsidiary or person sells the services or commodities listed in subsection (b) to a person for use in manufacturing, mining, production, refining, oil extraction, mineral extraction, irrigation, agriculture, or horticulture. However, this exclusion for sales of the services and commodities only applies if the services are consumed as an essential and integral part of an integrated process that produces tangible personal property and those sales are separately metered for the excepted uses listed in this subdivision, or if those sales are not separately metered but are predominately used by the purchaser for the excepted uses listed in this subdivision.

(4) The power subsidiary or person sells the services or commodities listed in subsection (b) and all the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) The services or commodities are sold to a business that after June 30, 2004:

(i) relocates all or part of its operations to a facility; or

(ii) expands all or part of its operations in a facility;

located in a military base (as defined in IC 36-7-30-1(c)), a military base reuse area established under IC 36-7-30, the part of an economic development area established under IC 36-7-14.5-12.5 that is or formerly was a military base (as defined in IC 36-7-30-1(c)), a military base recovery site designated under IC 6-3.1-11.5, or a qualified military base enhancement area established under IC 36-7-34.

(B) The business uses the services or commodities in the facility described in clause (A) not later than five (5) years after the operations that are relocated to the facility or expanded in the facility commence.

(C) The sales of the services or commodities are separately metered for use by the relocated or expanded operations.

(D) In the case of a business that uses the services or commodities in a qualified military base enhancement area *established under IC 36-7-34-4(1)*, the business must satisfy at least one (1) of the following criteria:

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(i) The business is a participant in the technology transfer program conducted by the qualified military base (as defined in IC 36-7-34-3).

(ii) The business is a United States Department of Defense contractor.

(iii) The business and the qualified military base have a mutually beneficial relationship evidenced by a memorandum of understanding between the business and the United States Department of Defense.

(E) In the case of a business that uses the services or commodities in a qualified military base enhancement area established under IC 36-7-34-4(2), the business must satisfy at least one (1) of the following criteria:

(i) The business is a participant in the technology transfer program conducted by the qualified military base (as defined in IC 36-7-34-3).

(ii) The business and the qualified military base have a mutually beneficial relationship evidenced by a memorandum of understanding between the business and the qualified military base (as defined in IC 36-7-34-3).

However, this subdivision does not apply to a business that substantially reduces or ceases its operations at another location in Indiana in order to relocate its operations in an area described in this subdivision, unless the department determines that the business had existing operations in the area described in this subdivision and that the operations relocated to the area are an expansion of the business's operations in the area.

(5) The power subsidiary or person sells services or commodities that:

(A) are referred to in subsection (b); and

(B) qualify as home energy (as defined in IC 6-2.5-5-16.5); to a person who acquires the services or commodities after June 30, 2006, and before July 1, 2007; through home energy assistance (as defined in IC 6-2.5-5-16.5).

SECTION 2. IC 6-2.5-5-16.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2007]: Sec. 16.5. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Home energy" means electricity, oil, gas, coal, propane, or any other fuel for use as the principal source of heating or cooling in residential dwellings.

(2) "Home energy assistance" means programs administered by the state to supply home energy through the Low Income Home

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1 Energy Assistance Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 8261 et seq.
2 (b) Transactions involving home energy are exempt from the state
3 gross retail tax if the person acquiring the home energy acquires it after
4 June 30, 2006, ~~and before July 1, 2007~~, through home energy
5 assistance.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commerce, Energy and Utilities, to which was referred House Bill 1037, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

CROOKS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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